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Briefs by the Editor

Young people are a part of and have a place in the church. Fortunately so, for otherwise there wouldn't be any older people in it either. Scripture puts it this way: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). That's why we as a church provide Christian day schools, Sunday schools, Christian camps, Christian get-togethers, etc. A careful reading of a number of items in this issue will convince you that we are concerned. Even a story like that of Missionary Uplegger, who served almost 60 years among the Apache Indians, begins with a young man 24 years old volunteering to undertake this work.

But there's room for you even if you're a great deal younger than that. "GENERATIONS," a 10-page periodical that is published quarterly by our WELS Committee on Youth Ministry, put it very well in its latest issue. I would like to share the comments with you.

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Answering the question of a young lad who asked, "Isn't there something I can do for Him now?" the Friendly Counselor replied: "There certainly is! Much more than most young people realize. There is something with which God has blessed you in great abundance — energy, vitality, and a youthfulness that brings joy to older folks.

"In most congregations there is so much work that needs to be done. Here are a few suggestions you might ask about.

"1. Minor repair and upkeep on church property, lawn mowing, trimming, painting, cleaning, window washing, straightening hymnals in pew racks, picking up old bulletins, cleaning up debris on outside property.

"2. Office work: fold and insert bulletin materials, fold and stuff letters for congregational bulk mailings, updating mailing lists, typing.

"3. Assist in Sunday School teaching, teachers' aides, Vacation Bible School aides, surveying the area for unchurched prospects, visiting and assisting the elderly, visiting nursing homes.

"4. And don't forget that when you serve your parents you are also serving the Lord.

"In doing any of these things from a heart of faith you are glorifying God, edifying the body of believers, and giving a powerful witness to others."

Consult with your pastor. There's room for your services — no matter whether you are young or old.

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The Cover

First Ev. Lutheran of Geneva, Wisconsin, erected its church in 1962-1963. The final payment was made this year. The congregation immediately proceeded to its next project, that of opening a Christian day school this September. Pastor of the congregation is Richard F. Weber. (For details turn to page 341.)

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Establishing the Truth A new book on an old subject has drawn widespread comment from religious quarters. Written by a panel of British theologians, all of them theological professors, the book discusses the person of Jesus Christ. The title is "The Myth of God Incarnate." The authors argue that Jesus was not God in human form but a man approved by God for a special role.

This book will likely have little impact upon the faith of those who believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. They believe that Jesus is God incarnate because the Bible clearly teaches that. Therefore to contend that Jesus was only a man, though a great one, will have about as much effect on them as saying that there is no God.

One may wonder, however, why people who profess to be Christians would go to such lengths as these authors to debunk a cardinal doctrine of the Christian faith. The preface to the book provides a clue, if not an outright confession. It says: "Human knowledge continues to grow at an increasing rate, and the pressure upon Christianity is as strong as ever to go on adapting itself into something which can be believed."

It is true that the doctrine of God incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ is not widely accepted in our age of increased knowledge. It is also true, however, that man's vast increase in knowledge over the centuries has nothing to do with its nonacceptance. It has always been that way. And there is a reason for that. The reason is that the truth about Jesus Christ was not established through man's knowledge. It was revealed by God. What man thinks and what God says are often two different things. It is only a question of whom you are going to believe.

What is needed to make the doctrine in question more believable is not adaptation to conform more closely to human knowledge, but more faith in what God says. Faith is the keystone of Christianity. Christians believe what God has said simply because God has said it, and for that reason they find it believable.

That calls for a faith that is childlike, and that is exactly what Jesus was talking about when He said, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

Immanuel Frey

"Best Outcomes" in Life The Grant Study began in 1938 at Harvard University. It has followed the careers of 95 men from the classes of 1942, 1943, and 1944 in order to learn how they adapted to life. Now, nearly 40 years later, the results of the study are being published in a book, *Adaptation to Life*. In it the author has tried to identify the factors that contributed to success or failure in the lives of these men.

Granted that the study dealt chiefly with privileged people (John F. Kennedy was one of the 95), and granted that success, or "best outcome," appeared to be "having a good income, a stable family, reasonable job satisfaction, a capacity to love, and a capacity to play" — which "best outcome" is not the same as the "best outcome" of a Christian life, although success in a Christian context can include these elements — some of the observations the author has made about the lives of these men apply to the lives of Christians as well.

As reported in *Psychology Today*, important factors in the lives of men who achieved "best outcomes" include a good childhood environment, career choices that reflect identification with their fathers, stable marriages, and their children's outcome described as good or excellent. The importance of *family* is obvious.

Whether people come from privileged backgrounds or from humble circumstances, whether they achieve prestige or are average citizens, whether they accumulate wealth or have middle-class incomes or are on welfare, *family* is a significant factor in the outcome of their lives.

If the family is a Christian family, with Christian attitudes and goals, and with Christian standards, the role that family plays in life's outcome is not only important; it is vital. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (I Tim. 4:8). The godliness that is exhibited in Christian family living also leads to the "best outcome" of this earthly life.

Carleton Toppe

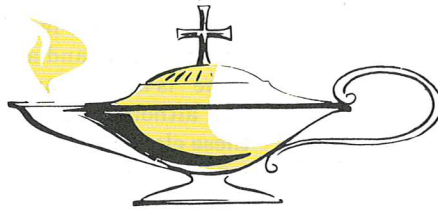
What Is Truth? Mrs. Ione Quinby Griggs is the Dear Abby of the Milwaukee Journal. For many years she has dispensed advice to the lovelorn and other troubled souls who turn to her for guidance. For the most part Mrs. Griggs supplies sound, common-sense solutions to the problems she responds to in her column.

Recently a Roman Catholic mother wrote to Mrs. Griggs about a problem that is tearing her family apart, a problem that is not unfamiliar in our own Lutheran families as more and more mixed marriages take place. The Catholic mother told of her college-graduate son, a product of Catholic grade and high schools, abruptly converting to Lutheranism, not because he believes the teachings, but to make the girl happy. She tried in vain to convince her son to remain Catholic and to have both a priest and a Lutheran minister perform the wedding in their church. In retaliation for his refusal the mother and all the rest of the Catholic relatives plan to register their protest by not attending the ceremony. She closed her letter with the following statement and description of herself: "Only a mother knows the sorrows she has to bear at times — a mother who is losing everything."

At first reading, Mrs. Griggs' reply seems to be a masterpiece of good sense, tact, sound psychology, and broad-mindedness: "We are all children of God and as such are loved by Him, whatever church on this earth we affiliate with through choice, birth, or family connections. Just as He loves people of all races, so must He love the members

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Studies in God's Word



John's First Epistle A Letter of Light, Life, and Love

It's near the end of the first century. In Ephesus dwells an elderly man, named John, who has lived through much of that century and experienced much of God's grace. For three years of that century he walked the roads of Palestine with the incarnate Word of God. For several hours one Friday he stood beneath the cross of the dying Lamb of God. On Easter Sunday he ran out to the empty tomb of the risen Champion of God. Since that time, he has spent his life in the service of that glorious Redeemer, first in Palestine (Acts 3,4, and 8), then in the city of Ephesus, and even for a time in exile on the Isle of Patmos.

Other Apostles, like Peter and Paul, are long gone, many of them having suffered a martyr's death. Only John remains, his message always the same. Always it is a message of a God who so loved men that He gave His Son that the sinful world might live. Always it is the message of how light, life, and love are to be found in that Son. Thousands during that first century found benefit in his words. Countless more have benefited from the five books of the New Testament which he, inspired by the Holy Ghost, wrote. May we benefit, too, as we turn to John's First Epistle and study together his words of *Light, Life, and Love*.

Concern, Pastoral and Personal

As we read through the 105 verses of John's First Epistle, we sense quickly a note of concern. The Christians in Asia

Minor to whom he wrote were people among whom he worked and lived. Some of them were already second-generation Christians. All of them faced real danger from false teachings which like dampening fog was drifting in around them and from the world's temptations which like relentless rain were dropping down upon them.

So John wrote to them as one who needed no introduction to them. He wrote as a pastor concerned about his people. Even more, he wrote as a father. Several times he addressed them as his "little children." Six times he called them his "beloved." Here was the voice of a father deeply concerned about the welfare of his spiritual children.

John's words have had special appeal to God's family down through the ages. Always, it seems, believers have had heresies to battle and temptations to bear. From John's words of concern come strength and comfort for all of God's "little children."

Problems, Past and Present

The problems which John tackled in his Epistle sound surprisingly familiar. False teachers had arisen in the church in Asia Minor and were deceiving many. With their "brilliant" theology they were denying that Jesus was the true Son of God and claimed that it was only the man Jesus who had died on Calvary's cross. Such heresy hit at the central doctrine of Christianity, at the cross with its message of full pay-

ment for all sins through the death of the God-Man Jesus Christ. Powerfully John pointed out that it was only the "blood of Jesus Christ, *God's Son*" which can "cleanse us from all sin" (1:7). "Liars" was the strong term John used to describe those teachers then and now who would deny that Jesus is the Christ (2:22).

Those who thrust Christ's redemptive cross into the background will also treat lightly the sin which made that cross necessary. "We have not sinned" becomes their claim as they "make God a liar" (1:10), because in His Son's cross He has declared that all have sinned and that all have been forgiven. Are those modern intellectuals who would discard the word "sin" and despise Christian morality as just so many primitive taboos listening? John's words still stand: "He that committeth sin is of the devil" (3:8).

Where Christ's divinity is denied and sin downgraded, a rather comfortable Christianity results. Concerns about following Christ, about loving the brethren, about witnessing to the evil world, soon lessen and eventually Christians become the kind of people the evil world can like and even live next door to. Christians of today also need to hear John's strident call, "Love not the world" (2:15). Believers in the present also need to heed his stirring command, "Love one another" (4:11).

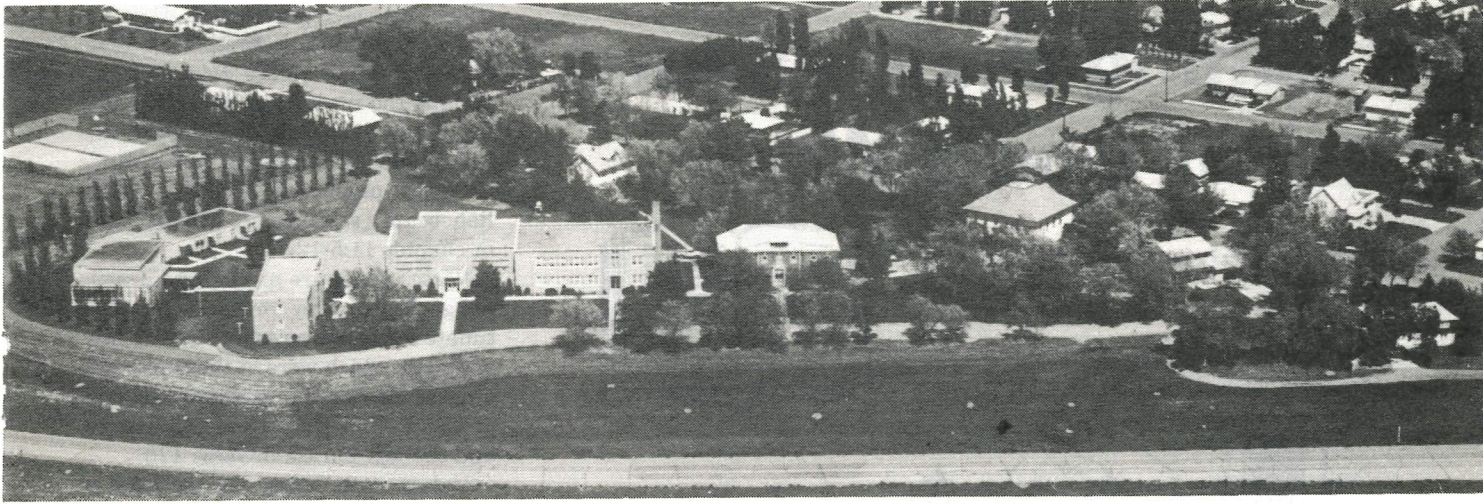
What we have in John's First Epistle are not just echoes of battles long past, but problems to be faced in the present.

Answers, Simple and Sublime

John answers these errors, not by thundering at them, but by simply restating the positive truths of Christianity. Like some golden thread, the majestic truth of Christ's divinity runs throughout the pattern of the whole Epistle. Connected to this thread are the truths of the marvelous fellowship we have with God through Christ and the mighty impact such fellowship will have on our daily lives. With simple words John takes us into the very depths of divine truth, to the light, life, and love we have in this Son of God.

Though we may not fully grasp all the sublime truths in John's First Epistle, we shall find answers simple enough to lay up in our hearts, live by in our lives, and lean on in our deaths.

Richard E. Lauersdorf



Aerial View of Northwestern Lutheran Academy

A Tree Planted by the Rivers of Water

In September, 1928, 1 tiny seed was planted in Mobridge, South Dakota. The seed was a new secondary school of the Wisconsin Synod. It adopted the name Northwestern Lutheran Academy.

The seed took root and became a tender sapling. As students enrolled at the school and were enriched through Christian instruction, the small tree began to bear fruit. At first the yield was small. Repeated adversities wrought damage to the school's growth. The great depression of the late twenties and the devastating drought in the thirties inflicted wretched scars. But under the gracious care of a merciful God the tree survived. Today it stands in full stature.

During its early years the Academy was situated on a crest overlooking the scenic Missouri River Valley and the picturesque hills beyond. Today that valley has become a huge reservoir, a part of the Great Lakes of South Dakota. The tree, nurtured by God, is now "planted by the rivers of water." These words from Psalm 1 have been chosen as the theme for the Academy's anniversary celebrations.

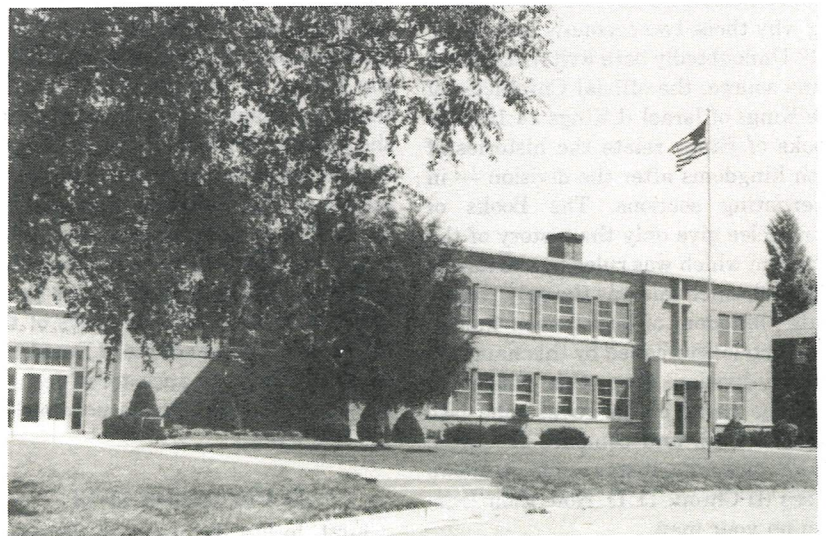
This year Northwestern Lutheran Academy is commemorating its 50th year of existence. For one-half century young people from the far-flung con-

gregations of the Dakota-Montana District have had the opportunity to receive a Christ-centered education on the secondary level. Since most congregations in this District are too small to maintain Christian elementary schools, the Academy has been the answer to the prayers of many parents who want their children to receive a thorough Christian education.

As congregations of the Wisconsin Synod have multiplied in the far-

western states, students from more distant areas have also made the Academy their school home. Sixteen states are currently represented in the campus family. Parents from areas throughout the West have found the school to be a haven to shield their children from the evils of a godless education.

Further evidence of God's blessing has been seen in recent years as an in-
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NLA Auditorium and Administration Building

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

II Chronicles 10-13



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Today we're going to begin a new section in the history of the promised Savior, but to do so we're going to go back 200 years in time from where we left off at the close of our last lesson. The final destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel, as reported in II Kings 17, took place in 721 B.C.

We now go back to the death of Solomon (925 B.C.) and the accession of his son Rehoboam to the throne of Israel (I Kings 11:43). The first thing we must do is refresh our memory regarding what happened at that time. To do so, reread I Kings 12:1-19, and then read II Chronicles 10:1-19. Are you wondering why these two accounts are identical? Undoubtedly both writers used the same source: the official Chronicles of the Kings of Israel (I Kings 14:19). The Books of Kings relate the histories of both kingdoms after the division — in alternating sections. The Books of Chronicles give only the history of the kingdom which was ruled by the family of David, since this was the only "legitimate" kingdom of Israel, even though it was no longer called by this name after the division. From this time on it bore the name of the royal tribe (see Gen. 49:8-12, and compare II Chron. 10:17). Actually, it was made up of two tribes (II Chron. 11:1). Note their location on your map.

Incidentally, if you're wondering why we have two parallel accounts of Israel's history, the Books of Chronicles

give us the answer. They were no doubt written later than the Books of Kings, but they include much more, since they go back to Adam (I Chron. 1:1) and continue the history all the way down to the return of the people of Judah after the captivity (I Chron. 9 and II Chron. 36:22,23). The first nine chapters of I Chronicles are given over almost entirely to genealogies. It is evident that the writer is concentrating on the genealogies of the promised Savior, since he gives special prominence to the genealogies of the tribe of Judah and the family of David, in keeping with the two great prophecies of Genesis 49:10 and II Samuel 7:16. The remainder of I Chronicles is devoted to the history of David's reign, and the first nine chapters of II Chronicles give the history of Solomon's reign. Chapter 10 then reports the account of the secession of the 10 tribes, and chapters 11-36 give us the history of the "legitimate" Davidic kingdom. In doing so, it continues the genealogy of the promised Savior, since all the kings of this kingdom are descendants of David, and each, in turn, is an ancestor of Jesus. It is clear, then, that we are now back in the main vein.

II Chronicles 11-13

First, hi-lite the name of Solomon's son, the first king of Judah (11:1), and note that it was a sizable kingdom, since Judah was the nation's largest

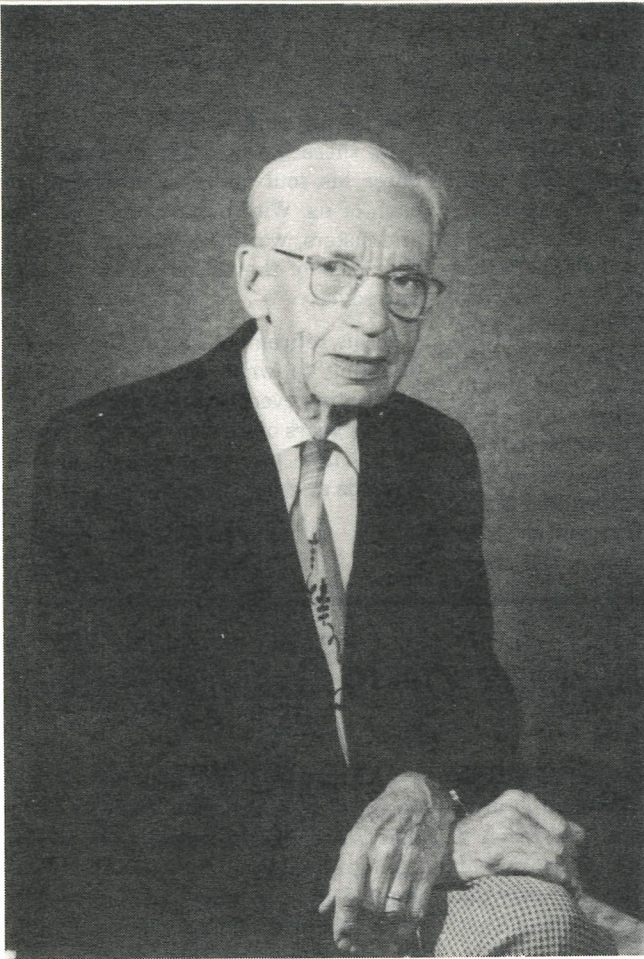
tribe. This verse also tells us what Rehoboam aimed to do first. God's reaction is given in verses 2-4a. Note especially the reaction of Rehoboam and the people in verse 4b. Compare this with Jeroboam's reaction to the words of God's prophet in I Kings 13:33. Rehoboam's second project is described in chapter 11:5-12.

Verses 13-18 are an important little nugget, since they report a very fortunate series of events for the kingdom of Judah, which were at the same time a great loss for the northern kingdom of Israel. Underline verses 13 and 16, and the last phrase in verse 17b.

Verses 18-21 reflect the low level of morality at the time, and chapter 12:1 records the fall of Rehoboam (underline). God's punishment is described in verses 2-4, and verse 5 records God's next action to bring Rehoboam to repentance. These were the two measures God used repeatedly over the years to deal with His people, and you should underline verses 2 and 5a, and put a star in the margin at each one. These were also the same means God used with the northern kingdom of Israel, as we noted earlier.

Note the prophet's message (verse 5b), and the response of the leaders of the nation in verses 6 and 7a, and God's response (verses 7b and 12). This reflects the different spirit between the people in Judah and Israel. Observe the historian's description of Rehoboam's reign in chapter 12:14. This description should be underlined and noted because it describes perfectly the entire history of the kingdom of Judah, a continuous vacillation between good and evil, depending largely on whether they had a good king or a bad king. And some of them, like Rehoboam, were both. Put a little note to this effect in the margin opposite verse 14.

Hi-lite the name of Rehoboam's son who succeeded him to the throne (13:1), and note that his reign is summed up very well in verse 2b. Now read rapidly the rest of the chapter, noting Abijah's fine speech to Jeroboam in verses 4-12 (underline verses 5, 9a, 10a, and the first phrase of 12). Then note what it was that decided the battle (verses 15 and 18). Verses 20 and 21 record the results of the battle. The death of Abijah is recorded in 14:1, which really should be the last verse of chapter 13.



God Bless You, Missionary Uplegger!

On January 9, 1917, a 24-year-old man alighted from the train that brought him to Globe, Arizona. The young man had not even touched down on Arizona soil before an older man spoke to him, giving the young Easterner the chance to go back to civilization instead of beginning his work among the Apache Indians. The young man decided to stay and for almost 60 years planted the Good Seed among the people he served.

Although this sounds like the beginning of a novel, it is the true story of the arrival in Arizona of Alfred M. Uplegger, who would serve the Apache Indians of the San Carlos Reservation for 59 of the next 60 years. The man who met him in Globe was Superintendent Gustav Harders. Three months later Harders was dead, and the full load of the work fell on the young shoulders of Pastor Uplegger. From that beginning, Pastor Uplegger has been sharing the

sorrow and the laughter of the Apache people and they have responded, giving him their special kind of love.

On July 17, 1977, Pastor Uplegger retired from the active preaching ministry. Grace Ev. Lutheran Church at San Carlos was filled with his people. They had come to hear final words of advice from the man who had loved them these many years. Their respect and love for him was shown already as they entered the church, for they had literally covered a manzanita tree with paper money as a parting gift to their pastor, a man who had taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their midst in season and out of season. And how often they had heard him preach in their own language!

For the afternoon of that day a barbecue and a potluck dinner had been arranged to honor this man who had given a lifetime of service to God and the Apache people. Pastor Arthur

Guenther of Whiteriver, Arizona, on the Fort Apache Reservation, served as master of ceremonies. Wilson Hoffman, president of the San Carlos Congregation, addressed the people, thanking Pastor Uplegger for his many years of service. Other speakers included Ernest Cutter, president of the Peridot Congregation; Tribal Chairman Buck Kitcheyan, who is also a member of the Peridot church council; Pastor Quincy Wiley, our first Apache pastor; Mr. Alfred Burdette, who has interpreted for some of our pastors; Mr. Willis Hadler, principal of the Bylas Christian Day School; Mr. James Opitz, principal of the East Fork Lutheran Grade School and High School; and Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, speaking for the Board for World Missions. And the food was excellent!

His Life and Activity

Born in Hermansfort, Wisconsin, on July 12, 1892, Pastor Uplegger earned his bachelor degree at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin. Having been tutored in languages by his father, he then enrolled in Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. It was in December of his Senior year at the Seminary that a call came from the mission board for a volunteer to assist Gustav Harders, superintendent of the Apache Indian Mission, then in failing health. Alfred Uplegger received permission to accept this call, despite the fact that he still had half a year of schooling to go — a practice not unusual in those days of pastor shortages. He was ordained on January 1, 1917, and arrived in Globe, Arizona, on January 9.

In September, 1918, he transferred his activity to San Carlos and continued to serve there until 1928. During this time he also served at Bylas for two years. In 1929 all buildings in old San Carlos were removed or demolished, since the area was being engulfed by the waters rising behind the recently completed Coolidge Dam. Several of the missionaries carefully dismantled the tufa-stone chapel there and used its blocks to build the Christian day school at Peridot. Many of the Apaches living there found new homes at Bylas or up in the Rice area. In December, 1928, Pastor Uplegger returned to Globe and served both Indi-

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ans and whites in the mission at Globe. When Globe and other places were affected by the depression and most Indians returned to the reservations, Pastor Uplegger continued to serve the groups at Peridot and new San Carlos (Rice) from Globe until October, 1941. From 1941 to 1943 he taught in the Lutheran mission school in Peridot, and in 1943 moved to new San Carlos. He has been pastor of Grace Congregation there ever since.

Pastor Uplegger was married to Irma A. Ruege on Thanksgiving Day, November 30, 1922, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They had one son, Karl, who was wounded in Germany in World War II and died on May 20, 1945. In 1939 the Upleggers adopted a daughter Rachel, now Mrs. Robert Hinton. Mrs. Uplegger faithfully worked at the side of her husband. Her devotion to the Apache children and women and older people earned their abiding love, so that she became known as "Aunt Irma" on both reservations. She died on September 19, 1972, having dedicated 50 years of her life, first of all, to her husband and children, and then also to the work of bringing the Gospel of salvation to the Apache people.

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From 1961 to 1973, Pastor Uplegger served as editor of *The Apache Lutheran*. Worthy to be read by all of us are words he wrote in 1973 about the joy of being a missionary to the Apache people. Directing his words to his fellow workers, he stated:

"It is a precious blessing of God that brothers and sisters in faith can work together in harmony, making special effort to teach the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His Gospel to persuade children and parents to trust the truth of it, and to become members of the family of the children of God, of 'the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints.' There is a sense of belonging together, of living in brotherly, sisterly love with each other, of ready willingness to serve the Lord in His kingdom in Apacheland, yes, also to endure faithfully for His Name's sake whatever difficult problems may confront us. . . . We teachers, missionaries, mission-workers, including janitors, cooks, nurses, and babysitters, all find our joy and thanksgiving in 'any one of the least of His brethren,' who

believe in Him and who confess His Name.

"That they may come to this faith and cheerfully confess it, sing of it, even whistle a melody about it, that is why we are here in Apacheland, that is why we meet in Conference and are happy to be together in this service for our Lord, 'Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people of His own, zealous of good works' (Titus 2:14). True, sincere love to Him will encourage us to be steadfast and faithful to our trust from Him and to them who in His Name entrusted the privi-

lege of this work to us."

In these words, this man of God bares his soul and speaks directly to each of us. With our Apache brothers and sisters, we thank him for placing the cause of the Gospel on our hearts and souls.

In his retirement Pastor Uplegger is planning to write about any of the fascinating events which occurred during his years of service. He will continue to make his home on the mission grounds at San Carlos.

Pastor Dennis Meier
Pastor William Meier

Northwestern College Update

Northwestern College was agreeably surprised this fall when the enrollment of full-time college students reached 233 instead of sagging to the 220 that had been anticipated. It was chiefly the low number of dropouts last year that made the higher enrollment possible. Between August of 1976 and August of 1977 only 19 students discontinued their studies, and already several of these have reenrolled.

Sixty-three students have enrolled as Freshmen. Thirty were graduated from Synodical academies, 20 from Lutheran high schools, and 13 from public high schools. This is the third year in succession that the Freshman enrollment has been in the low sixties.

Next year should see an upswing, thanks to a considerably larger number of pastor-training students expected from the Synodical academies in 1978. Energetic efforts by the college (more than one-third of the college students volunteered to assist in school recruitment), by our pastors, by our Synodical academies, and by our area high-school staffs should raise the number of Freshmen to 80 or more in 1978.

Two Seminary graduates were inducted into office as tutors at the opening service on August 23, 1977. Tutor John Brenner has been assigned to Wittenberg Hall, and Tutor Roger Kuerth to Wartburg Hall. Incidentally, because of the decline in college enrollment, one floor of Wartburg Hall is being occupied by Quarta (11th grade) boys.

Although all of our students are aware of it, others may wish to know that since Northwestern College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status, it is now eligible to process Basic Educational Opportunity Grants. At the time of this writing, approximately 25 students have made applications for the grants.

Two campus projects of general interest are the renovation of the Music-Auditorium and the construction of the Bell Tower. The Music-Auditorium will soon be ready for use, even though the installation of the organ may be delayed. Construction of the Bell Tower, a project of the Alumni Society, was begun at the end of August and is to be completed this fall. Landscaping will follow next year, and all should be in readiness for the centennial of the Alumni Society in 1979.

Interest in the Bell Tower is high, and support of the project has been generous. There are thousands of people in our Synod who were once students at Northwestern and who have memories of the college bell when it rang from the roof of West Hall ("New Dormitory" to the older alumni). We hope that they will come back to our campus to hear it ring again. More important, we hope that they will send their children to Northwestern, not just to hear the bell, but to hear and heed their Savior's call to service in His Church.

Carleton Toppe
President, NWC

1977 Principal-Visitor Seminars

Spiritual encouragement. Insights into the Scriptures. Practical helps. All three were offered to Christian-day-school principals and school visitors of every District of our Synod this summer as seminars were conducted in nine different locations. An opening service and the devotions provided spiritual encouragement. A different essayist in each seminar offered Scriptural insights as he presented the topic, "Moralizing and Christian Education." Even though nine different approaches were utilized, several common threads wound through every presentation. Each essayist warned that the possibility of moralizing, i.e., to urge people to be good and to do good without the Gospel power, is very real in every classroom every day. Therefore each essayist stressed the importance of a proper understanding and use of God's Law and Gospel in disciplining, in teaching religion lessons, in teaching reading, math, and other subjects in the light of God's Word, and in having the entire atmosphere of the school permeated with the Scriptures.

Practical helps in curriculum development were offered in an essay entitled "Developing a Subject Curriculum." Essayists encouraged principals to lead their faculties in developing subject-area curriculums which reflect our Scriptural philosophy of education and which contain the objectives which Christian day schools should strive to attain. In several seminars the participants also gained practical experience in developing a subject-area scope and

sequence, that is, deciding which concepts to teach and in what order to teach them during a given period of time.

One phase of the school visitation program, the Class Visit Request Form, received special attention. This form gives each teacher, prior to classroom observation, the opportunity to make written requests to the school visitor regarding which classes the teacher wishes the visitor to observe and regarding topics which the teacher wants to discuss with the visitor. This completed form is important to the visitor for it indicates to him the teacher's areas of concern. Principals were reminded that the Class Visit Request Form can serve as a useful tool in helping them carry out their supervisory responsibilities. When carefully and thoughtfully completed, that form provides a solid base for the visitor's observation of the classroom and his conferences with the teacher.

The District and the Synod's Boards for Parish Education cooperate to conduct these biennial seminars. Each District's program, which was developed by the School Visitor's Workshop Planning Committee, was essentially the same. Through these programs the board's purpose is to provide spiritual help and encouragement to principals and visitors; to give principals help and encouragement in their responsibility of supervising curriculum, instruction, staff, facilities, and students; and to give school visitors help and encouragement to fulfill their calling as coun-

selors to the staffs of our Christian day schools. Every District board was represented at its seminar by at least two members. One member of the Synod's Board for Parish Education office staff attended each seminar.

Each District had the option of conducting its seminar in the most convenient manner. The Arizona-California and South Atlantic Districts held a seminar at Dallas, Texas, for the Florida and Texas schools. The seminar for the Arizona and California schools gathered at Mesa, Arizona. Christ, Grand Island, Nebraska, hosted the principals and visitors from the Dakota-Montana and Nebraska Districts. The other Districts, Michigan, Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin, Pacific Northwest, Southeastern Wisconsin, and Western Wisconsin conducted seminars for their principals and visitors, respectively, at St. Joseph, Michigan; Belle Plaine, Minnesota; Appleton, Wisconsin; Portland, Oregon; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Baraboo, Wisconsin.

"Very helpful." "The moralizing topic was timely." "I received specific helps for curriculum work." Those were a few of the comments heard following the seminars. It is clear that the Lord bountifully blessed these meetings as He through His Word strengthened the faith of those present, as He made the participants grow in their commitment to Christian education, as He provided practical suggestions for use in our various callings, and as He provided needed Christian fellowship. We are grateful to our God for this undeserved outpouring of His grace. May those blessings serve the eternal and earthly welfare of the children and teachers in our Christian day schools!

Team Ministry in Jacksonville, Florida

Have you ever heard of a congregation of 94 communicants having two full-time pastors? Have you ever heard of a mission with its future pastor at work six months before conducting the first exploratory service? These unlikely possibilities became realities on July 10, 1977, when Candidate Edward Schuppe was ordained as pastor in our

Synod's "team ministry" to Jacksonville, Florida. That day our Synod's General Board for Home Missions began an experiment designed to test a new approach to mission work. The experiment calls for a "team" approach — two pastors working together in a metropolitan area.

As with most new ideas, this "team

ministry" took a great deal of planning and a great deal of discussion. It sprang from the South Atlantic District Mission Board's search for the best way to use available money and manpower in establishing missions in the large metropolitan areas of the South. In the South, a WELS congregation is often hundreds of miles from its nearest neighbor. As a result, a pastor can feel isolated, with nowhere to turn for guidance or help. And, if growth doesn't come as fast as the pastor feels it

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should, he can become discouraged and convey that feeling to his congregation.

After considering these factors, the mission board decided that a team might be the answer. Two pastors working together could reach a greater number of people faster than two men working separately. This would be possible because much reduplication of effort could be avoided — such as preparing two different bulletins. Time saved could be used in canvassing and other outreach efforts. Moreover, an experienced mission pastor could offer valuable guidance to a Seminary graduate in essential missionary skills. The two pastors could offer each other encouragement and companionship.

The Mission Board's plan was "brainstormed" at the District Missionary conference in January, 1976, and then presented to the Synod's General Board for Home Missions. Now it has become reality.

The "team ministry" idea is new to us, but it is certainly not new to God. Think of Moses and Aaron sent as a team to Pharaoh. Think of how Jesus sent out His disciples two by two to carry the Good News. Consider Paul's missionary journeys. In fact, the team ministry, as presently conceived, parallels the team as Paul set out on the first missionary journey. On that team were Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark — two pastors and a vicar.

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Jacksonville will be the initial base of operation for this team ministry. Our Savior Congregation is a mission that has reached the point of virtual self-support in operating expenses. The time seems right for a second congregation to be established in this city of 600,000 people. This is especially true since a significant number of Our Savior's members live 20 miles or more from church. However, instead of calling a pastor for the new group, the South Atlantic District Mission Board requested that a second pastor be assigned to work together with Pastor John Vogt at Our Savior. Edward Schuppe was assigned from this year's Seminary graduating class. Pastor Schuppe and Pastor Vogt will work together to maintain the growth and stability of Our Savior, while laying the groundwork and then conducting the exploratory work for the new group. In



Candidate E. Schuppe's Ordination

time, Pastor Schuppe will become the pastor of the second congregation in Jacksonville, and the team ministry will be dissolved.

At the ordination, Pastor R. Hartman of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, reminded both Pastor Schuppe and the congregation: "The Lord has sent you, as He was sent, to preach peace and forgiveness." Performing the ordination was Pastor James Vogt of Bradenton,

Florida, first vice-president of the South Atlantic District.

Your fellow Christians in Jacksonville are thankful to their God and to the members of WELS for making this experiment possible. We request your prayers that the "team ministry concept" will prove a blessing for our community and will provide a valuable tool for the mission outreach of our Synod in other areas also.

All-Time High at Northwestern Prep School



Emergency Instructor Sherwood Wessel and Michael Woldt



Tutor James Huebner and Acting Dean Allen Zahn

In 1961 Northwestern Preparatory School, then a department of Northwestern College, opened its school year with a record enrollment of 104 students in its Sexta class (ninth grade) and a total of 176 in its student body. Since that time no total registration of students in either the ninth grade or in all the classes matched those two figures — until this year. In 1977 Northwestern Preparatory School began its

113th year with a Freshman class of 107, and a student body of 288. Both totals are an all-time high. God help us care for all of them!

In the opening service at 1:30 in the afternoon of August 23 the preparatory school joined the students and faculty of the college to implore God the Holy Ghost to pour out His graces upon our two schools as they began a new academic year. President Carleton Toppe

Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

A Revealing Comparison

At about the same time delegates to our Synod's Lutheran Women's Missionary Society convention were assembled at the YMCA of the Rockies last summer, nearby Estes Park played host to the convention of the Conservative Baptist Association of America. The CBA is to the Baptist Church what the WELS is to Lutheranism.

Some other comparisons are of interest. Membershipwise the two church bodies are approximately equal, with a slight edge to the Wisconsin Synod. The CBA has 1,200 congregations. We number just over 1,100. Age-wise we are almost 100 years older. The CBA celebrated its 30th anniversary at the July convention.

The home mission programs of the two churches reveal a remarkable similarity. Home mission giving in the

CBA topped \$2 million for the first time this year. Our home mission budget is \$2,139,000. The CBA has 250 home missions. We number 239.

The similarities end when one compares the world mission program of the two bodies. The CBA supports 500 career personnel in foreign missions. Our world mission staff total is 79 (pastors, teachers, nurses, etc.). CBA annual giving for world missions exceeds \$6 million. Ours was \$1,356,888 for the fiscal year just ended.

Comparison proves, they say. In this case comparison may not prove anything. But it does give us cause for pause and reflection. We thank God for the forward strides our church has taken in world missions in the last 25 years. Progress sometimes has a way of making people self-satisfied, and that takes the edge off mission zeal. A comparison with CBA world mission activity should help to prevent any complacency on our part.

As a Synod, our devotion to the Word is exemplary. Our giving isn't — yet.

Missouri Miscellany

In the previous installment of this column, Professor Fredrich provided an evaluation of the July convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at Dallas. He also reported some of the major decisions of that convention which made for headlines in the media.

A number of other resolutions adopted by the Dallas delegates, generally overlooked by the public media, are worthy of note because of their controversial yet significant nature. One resolution (3-11) "rejects and repudiates" the historical-critical method of Bible interpretation "as opposed to sound Lutheran theology and injurious to the Gospel." The use of the historical-critical method in synodical seminary classrooms in the sixties had opened the door to unscriptural teaching and practice. It was the underlying cause of Missouri's recent turmoil.

Another forthright resolution (3-10) declares that "certain doctrines held

and taught by some individuals and groups in the charismatic movement are mere human opinion and not clearly taught in Holy Scripture." Following an enumeration of specific teachings which are in error, the Synod resolved to "acknowledge that such doctrine is contrary to Holy Scriptures, adds to the Gospel, and is dangerous to the salvation of men." The resolution adds "that brotherly admonition be given to pastors who are involved in the charismatic movement." Recent statistics indicate that more than 2,000 Lutheran pastors claim to have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several hundred of them are pastors of the LCMS.

Yet another resolution introduced by the Theology and Church Relations Committee (3-13) takes note of the fact that the Synod's Commission on Fraternal Organizations "has determined that the Transcendental Meditation/Science of Creative Intelligence movement is a non-Christian eastern religious movement." The resolution itself "warns the members of the Synod against the religious exercises of this eastern cult."

Such resolutions may not be popular, but they are Scriptural. It is heartening to know that other Lutherans share our convictions on such controversial matters in an age that shuns controversy in the interest of a false peace.

A Confusion of Tongues at Kansas City

Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City hosted the largest assembly ever of charismatic Christians July 20-24. The occasion was "The 1977 Conference on Charismatic Renewal in the Christian Churches." *Time* reported that 45,000 charismatics participated in the interdenominational assembly. The conference supplanted the annual conferences for Catholics at Notre Dame University and for Lutherans at the Minneapolis Auditorium.

The interdenominational emphasis of the conference was especially apparent in the four evening sessions at the stadium. Speakers included the presiding bishop of an old-line Pentecostal body and a sympathetic cardinal from Belgium as well as Protestants from mainline denominations who have long

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of the college served as liturgist, President William Zell of the preparatory school preached the sermon. Rev. Walter A. Schumann, secretary of the Northwestern Board of Control, inducted the new members of the two staffs into office. For the preparatory school this included Tutor James Huebner, New Ulm, Minnesota, and two emergency instructors: Michael Woldt, Seminary student from Milwaukee, and Sherwood Wessel, Dr. Martin Luther College graduate from Columbus, Wisconsin. Pastor Schumann also introduced Prof. Robert Bock, newly called as 13th professor at NPS, to the assembly. His installation service was announced for September 18.

There is a need for pastors for our congregations. There is also a need for teachers for our Christian day schools. God's answer to our prayers for both pastors and teachers comes in the form of young people who present themselves for training for these high callings. Remember them in your petitions before the throne of grace!

William G. Zell
President, NPS

been active in the neo-Pentecostal movement.

The Rev. Dennis Bennett, in whose Episcopal church in Van Nuys, California, the movement began in 1960, sees the charismatic movement as the likely catalyst for the reunion of all Christian churches. In his address at the conference he said that he sees the separate streams of Christianity beginning to flow together. The Catholic stream adds "its emphasis on history and the continuity of the faith." The evangelical stream incorporates an "emphasis on loyalty to Scripture and the importance of personal commitment to Christ." The old-line Pentecostal stream, according to Bennett, provides the necessary "emphasis on the immediate experience of God by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Careful students of Scripture know that the Holy Spirit works only mediately through the means of grace, not immediately or without means.)

Mrs. Ruth Carter Stapleton, sister of

President Carter, uncovered a troublesome issue in her address to the conferees. She declared that when she received the charismatic baptism in the Holy Spirit, the initial evidence of it was the gifts of healing and prophecy rather than tongues. Many charismatics hold that a person has not really received Spirit-baptism unless it is accompanied by the gift of tongues. Mrs. Stapleton reported that she did not receive the gift until 18 months after her Spirit-baptism. The conference did not address itself to the problem of such differences.

Other spokesmen, however, did point out that the "unity experienced by charismatics so far has been at the emotional level." They warned that serious doctrinal differences do exist, and that charismatics have passed over them too easily. Others disagreed, insisting that the Holy Spirit baptism which they had all experienced in common is a sufficient basis for their togetherness in Christ.

On the first Pentecost day the disciples who were filled with the Spirit used the gift of tongues to proclaim "the wonderful works of God." At Kansas City the tongues speakers spoke with tongues of confusion. Christians truly filled with the Spirit do not dishonor the Spirit by disregarding what He says in His Word about fellowship principles and about basic Christian teaching.

The continuing growth of the charismatic movement makes it urgent that members of our congregations become familiar with the claims of charismatics together with a Scriptural and evangelical refutation of their errors. It is also vital that we know what the proper means are which God has given us for spiritual renewal in the Church, and that we employ those means diligently lest we too become confused by the tongues of confusion with which charismatics speak.

Joel C. Gerlach



Pastor F. Kogler
(left to right)
R. Johnson
School Finance Committee
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Steering Committee
C. Bourmen
School Building Committee
I. Longfield
Chairman of Congregation
V. Watten
Architect

School Under Construction at Emanuel, St. Paul

Christian education doesn't cost, it pays! The investment is well worth the yield. That the members of Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota, are fully convinced of this was evident on Sunday, July 24, 1977. Some 375 of them gathered in the gymnasium of Saint Croix Lutheran High

School for a special worship service preceding the groundbreaking for their new Christian day school. The Rev. F. Kogler, pastor of Emanuel, conducted the service and delivered the sermon entitled "Rise Up and Build," based on Nehemiah 2:17-20. Following the worship service at the high school, the con-

gregation assembled across the street for the groundbreaking.

The 22,000-square-foot, two-story structure will house seven classrooms, a multipurpose room, a multimedia room, kitchen, faculty room, principal's office, locker rooms, athletic director's office, and a 5,500-square-foot gymna-

First Lutheran at Lake Geneva Burns Mortgage and Opens School

On July 3, 1977, the members of First Ev. Lutheran Church of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, burned the mortgage on their church building. The church was built in 1962 and dedicated on February 24, 1963.

First Ev. Lutheran Church was reputed to be among the 10 most beautiful churches in the country when it was dedicated back in 1963. Built of fieldstone, it displays a unique architectural design. The roof of the building rises upward in two directions from a low point in the center to form two giant funnels, the one forming the means of entrance which ushers the people into God's house and the other offering the means whereby God comes down to meet His people. The exterior of the church almost looks like a mother hen ready to gather her chicks under her outstretched wings. The laminated

beams of the interior reach up like hands folded in prayer, and are attached to a huge central beam weighing 11 1/2 tons. The altar is unique in that it is shaped like a ship which stands on three supports, each containing a bronze panel symbolizing one of the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

The cost of the building was about \$350,000 back in 1962, plus landscaping and furnishings and the property. Of this, \$220,000 had to be borrowed, and repayment was programmed over a 15-year period. The final balloon payment was made on the due date of July 1, and the special mortgage-burning festival was planned for July 3, 1977.

Pastor Donald W. Meier, the pastor of First Lutheran at the time the building was constructed, addressed the worshippers on the theme "There is Joy

in Giving" (Acts 20:35). The congregation's Senior Choir and the children of the Sunday school sang special songs for the occasion. The mortgage burning was handled by Mr. Birdell Brellenthin, president of the congregation, and Mr. Eugene Behrens, vice-president and man in charge of property and grounds. It's quite a coincidence that both men were serving in these very same positions 15 years ago when the church was built. The present pastor of First Lutheran is Richard F. Weber.

Having brought one project to a close, First Lutheran has immediately undertaken a new project. In September it opened a Christian day school. Teachers at the school are Mr. Greg Thiesfeldt and Miss Lisa Landvatter. Twenty-seven students are registered.

As the members of First Lutheran have counted on God to bless their efforts in building and paying for their church, so they also count on Him to bless them in their new school project.

sium. Future expansion will provide three more classrooms and a 4,500-square-foot chapel. The building is being constructed on a 6.4-acre site on West Crusader Avenue across from Saint Croix Lutheran High School, and completion date has been set for February, 1977. The new facility on Crusader Avenue will have a capacity of 190 students, grades K-8.

Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church observed its centennial in 1975 and the following year celebrated 100 years of operating a Christian day school. For the past few years it has operated its school on two different sites: Emanuel Lutheran School on King Street and Emanuel Lutheran Annex on Humboldt. The "King Street" school was built in 1913 and will still be in use for the beginning of this school year.

The principal of Emanuel is Mr. Arden Wentzel. A 1954-graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, Mr. Wentzel previously was principal of St. Matthew's School in Janesville, Wisconsin. Other faculty members include: Donald Hahnke, Wayne Wagner, Mrs. Max Radloff, Miss Virginia Hedrick, Mrs. Arden Wentzel, and Mrs. John Oldfield.

Milwaukee Area Radio Ministry Revamped

For many years the worship services of Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee were broadcast over WEZW-FM. The services were taped, edited by the radio station, and then broadcast with a one-week delay. When a vacancy occurred in Grace Church, the congregation asked the Milwaukee Federation of WELS Churches, Inc., to consider taking over the radio ministry. The federation accepted the challenge and began a new series of radio broadcasts in October of 1976.

Basic plans for this new venture were worked out by the Radio and Television Committee of the federation under the chairmanship of the Rev. William Tabor, then pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, North Cramer Street. When he accepted a call to Escanaba, the Rev. Roger Drews of St. John's Lutheran Church, South Howell Avenue, Oak Creek, was appointed chairman.

The new format took a different direction from the former program. Instead of putting a church service on the air, it was decided to prepare a pro-

gram directed primarily to the unchurched and fallen away. Only in a secondary sense was it to serve our own WELS membership. To achieve this, the 45 minutes allotted to the federation were divided into a 15-minute and a 40-minute program.

The first 15 minutes are devoted to "Music For The Master." The program follows the church year. Its theme is determined by the Epistle and Gospel readings for the particular Sunday. Appropriate religious music is offered along with commentary on the music and the lessons. The many fine musical organizations within the Synod, such as The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee and the Seminary Chorus, have been featured on this program.

The second program, 30 minutes in length, is designed to be apologetic and evangelistic. It is entitled "The Message From The Master." The sermons offer the Word of God as the solution to man's needs in this life and the one to come. The program is introduced by a

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Direct from the Districts

Arizona-California

Ground Broken at Fallbrook

Ground was broken for a new church complex on Sunday, July 3, 1977, by St. Stephen Ev. Lutheran Church, in Fallbrook, California. The Rev. S. Kugler led the congregation in asking the Lord's blessing upon the use of the new



Pastor S. Kugler and (left to right) F. Hastings, J. Gallagher, E. Stoll, A. Heinemen, G. Clasen, B. Fremont, and J. Splan.

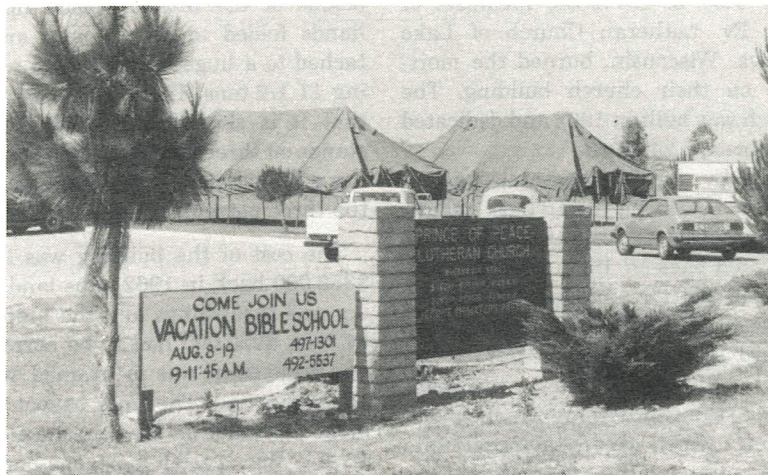
site, situated at 1636 E. Mission.

Building of the church complex has begun with the construction of a parsonage and will be followed shortly by the erection of a chapel. At present, St. Stephen Congregation is meeting in a Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Operation Tent

That is what the Air Force affectionately called the project when a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks, California, and also an Air National guardsman, inquired about the availability of a tent to be used as a temporary facility for the church's vacation Bible school.

Having investigated many other possibilities for temporary shelter for the pupils during the two-week course, all of which were prohibitive in cost, Prince of Peace Congregation is well aware of how greatly the Lord blessed it when He provided not only one, but two 25 x 20 heavy canvas tents through the courtesy of the Air Force. The tents, in fact, did double duty, providing classroom space for preschool through third grade and space for



Tents at Thousand Oaks

lesson-related crafts and activities. Space in the church was also utilized to the full.

In March, when planning began, it was not clear how many children might be expected in August. As the preregistration forms came trickling in, the need for more space soon became evident. And the Lord answered the congregation's prayers in this most unexpected way! Some 82 children, ages 4-14, many of whom had not seen the inside of a church until then, were instructed in the saving truths of God's holy Word.

Taking a look at the tents, one parent commented, "I think Moses and the Israelites might even have felt comfortable in these surroundings." The pastor, Jerome McWaters, had to agree.

Dakota-Montana

Pastor R. H. Roth Retires

On May 22, 1977, after nearly 43 years in the parish ministry, Pastor R. H. Roth retired. On that day the congregation he was serving, Trinity Lutheran at Clear Lake, South Dakota, held a recognition and thanksgiving service. Pastor E. Habermann from Watertown, South Dakota, used Ephesians 4:10-13 as his text and preached on "The Holy Ministry, The Gift of Our Ascended Lord."

Pastor Roth with his wife, Frieda, nee Schippleit, will be living in Fort

Morgan, Colorado, where one of their sons, Phillip, lives. Their other son, Ronald, is pastor at St. Lucas, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pastor Roth attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, graduating in 1933.

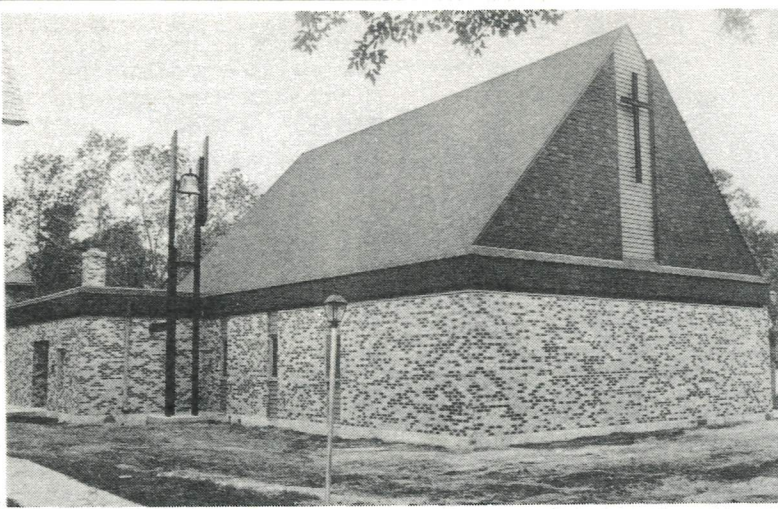
He served the Lord and His people in St. John's, Brewster, Nebraska, until 1939; in Zion, Fort Morgan, Colorado, from 1948-1957; in St. Paul's, Morris, Minnesota, from 1957-1968; in King of Kings Mission, Topeka, Kansas, from 1968-1969; and in Trinity, Clear Lake, South Dakota, from 1969 until his retirement. He also served his Lord in various conference and District offices and was active in starting missions, especially in the Nebraska District.

God bless you, Pastor Roth and Frieda, as you live out your lives in His service!

"Dedicated to Give Answers!"

"What is truth?" Pilate, the skeptic, once asked. "Eve, did God really say . . . ?" Satan said and still says.

On May 29, 1977, a new church building was dedicated at Elkton, South Dakota, not to add to the confusion or raise new questions but to *give answers!* God's Word is still the last word. Real wisdom comes from God and is, ultimately, not a thing but a Person, Jesus Christ! With these and similar words based on Colossians 2:3, the guest speaker, Pastor C. Mischke of



Trinity's New Building at Elkton, SD

Juneau, Wisconsin, encouraged members and friends at the 3:00 P.M. thanksgiving service. The new church building, where "Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure" is to be dispensed, belongs to the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Congregation. The Rev. Dennis Schmidt is pastor of the congregation.

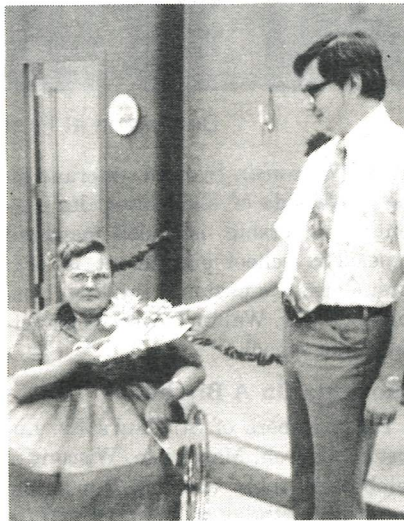
It was October 3, 1976, that ground was broken for the new, one-level edifice that was to provide enough room for the growing congregation. The congregation presently numbers 194 baptized and 140 confirmed members. The seating capacity of Trinity's new church is 176. Folding doors in the rear of the nave allow for overflow into the fellowship area. This area provides space for six Sunday-school classrooms.

The new building measures 62 by 89, contains 4,505 square feet, and cost about \$151,000. Construction is of cement block with brick facing. The bronze bell of the old church, cast in 1892, was built into a new free-standing tower. It is the prayer of Trinity Lutheran and its friends that that bell may ring out with bold peals, in the future as in the past, to announce: "We've got the answers; we've got the Way, for here is proclaimed the great I Am, the Lord Jesus Christ!"

Minnesota

A Testimonial for 40 Years of Service

On June 5, 1977, Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Zumbrota, Minnesota, paid tribute to one of its members who for 40 years had faithfully served the Lord in the congregation. She is Mabel Lohmann who is well-known not only in the church locally but throughout the Goodhue County area.



A Gift for Miss Lohmann

During all of these years she has been editor of the congregation's monthly publication, "The Parish Messenger," and has turned out countless Sunday bulletins and other materials for the congregation's use. She kept track of and corresponded with those who served in the armed forces or went away to school, wrote innumerable, letters and cards of encouragement and cheer to the sick and the shut-ins, served the Luther League for many years, and has been a fine example of regular church attendance. Outside of the congregation Mabel served as 4-H leader for over 25 years.

What makes her years of faithful and capable service the more remarkable is the fact that she has lived most of this time in a wheelchair. In grade school she began to lose her ability to walk and in spite of the best medical attention had to move from cane to braces to crutches to wheel-chair, and finally the loss of both legs. Surgery

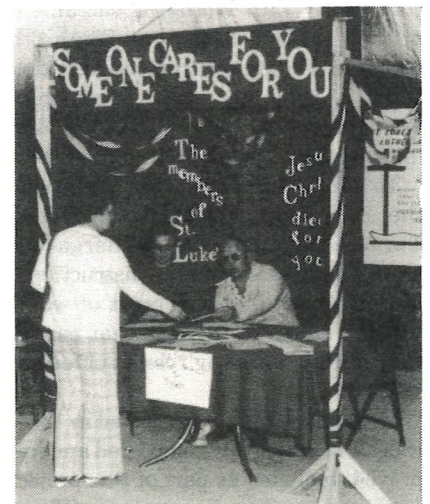
and illness many times brought her close to death. Each time the Lord chose to prolong her life because in His judgment her work was not yet finished.

One of the speakers at her testimonial said, "I would like to say that we have come to honor you, Mabel. But knowing her as we do, we know she would say, 'All glory, praise and honor must go to Him who through His grace has kept me in His undeserved favor to do this work.'" Another speaker pointed out that the greatest service she rendered the congregation was that of being an inspiring example of a faithful steward of the talents entrusted to her. Indeed, through Mabel the Lord richly blessed Christ Congregation!

Through its chairman the congregation presented Mabel with an inscribed desk-pen set and a check. Pastor of Christ Lutheran is the Rev. Herbert F. Muenkel.

A New Mission Effort

The members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, recently took a rather unique approach in reaching out to those who do not know Christ as their Savior. They made a Christ-centered display, featuring banners and printed materials, and manned it during the Grand Rapids County Fair held in Grand Rapids during August 18-21, 1977. During the



project, in which all adult members took part, over 1,000 tracts were distributed, telling the way of salvation and why St. Luke's was begun in the Grand Rapids area.

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Exploratory work in the area was begun in November, 1976. The group was granted mission status in May and its first pastor, the Rev. Pieter Reid, was installed in July of this year. The congregation totals 40 members at the present time. Both congregation and pastor pray that God will use the efforts expended at the County Fair to help bring others to faith in Christ and to strengthen those who do.

Northern Wisconsin Church and School Addition at First German, Manitowoc

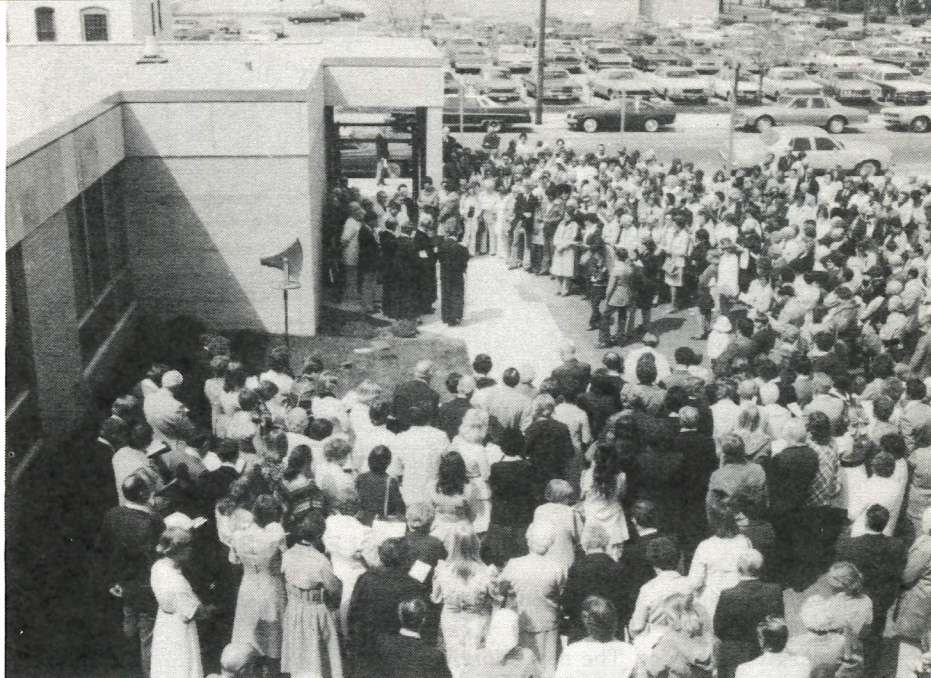
The enthusiasm of a young mission congregation was in evidence among the members of the 122-year-old First German Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, during the past year and a half, as work progressed on their school addition and church renovation. The climax came in four services of worship and thanksgiving and a fellowship dinner on the day of dedication, May 1, 1977. Pastor H. Kesting of Mishicot was guest speaker in the morning services. The choirs presented a song service in the afternoon. Pastor D. Worgull, principal of Manitowoc Lutheran High School, preached at the Christian education service in the evening.

In 1975, after it was determined that the majority of First German's members preferred to continue serving their community with Word and sacrament at their present location on South 8th Street in Manitowoc, the congregation voted a \$400,000 improvement program, providing both expansion and improvements for church and school.

To gain needed space for the school, the 1891 school building was razed. Three classrooms, a kindergarten room, teachers' lounge, instructional media center, and a number of work-rooms were then added to that part of the school building constructed in 1957.

The church building, erected in 1887, was also extensively remodeled and improved. Included as part of this project were a new church entrance, offices, mothers' room, balcony remodeling, Communion rail, and complete redecorating of the interior.

First German Congregation was founded in 1855 by pioneer Pastor Carl Goldammer. Since that time it has



Dedication at First German, Manitowoc

served Wisconsin Synod Lutherans on the south side of Manitowoc. Its current membership is 1,665 baptized souls. The school enrollment is 131. First German's pastor is the Rev. Norval Kock. Mr. Walter Sievert is principal of the school.

Thoughts On A Birthday

The members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Marquette, Wisconsin, celebrated their congregation's one hundredth birthday on June 19, 1977.

When an individual Christian celebrates a birthday, it is a time to think about past years with gratitude for God's blessings. Trusting in Jesus' guidance, a believer also hopes for more years to grow in grace and maturity. Similar thoughts come to a gathering of believers when their congregation celebrates a centennial.

St. Paul's birthday was observed with two anniversary services and a dinner for congregation and friends. In the first service, Pastor Lloyd Wenzel, former pastor of St. Paul's, preached on Jeremiah 51:10. His theme was "The Lord God and His Zion." He emphasized that the Church is dependent on Christ's righteousness in all that it does. Only with this gift can a church mark the end of its first century and look forward to the beginning of its second century with confidence. Prof. Melvin Schwark addressed the congregation in the second service. He preached on Genesis 28:16,17. Using as a theme, "The Lord Is In This Place," he reminded those present that the Lord is with

His people through Word and Sacrament. The liturgist for both services was Pastor Daniel Jensen, present pastor of the congregation. With God giving boldness, the assembly joined in prayer asking God to lead them to grow in Christian maturity so that they might always remain a congregation which serves God.

Mrs. Eldor Kopitzke Dies at 57

Mrs. Eldor Kopitzke, wife of Teacher Eldor Kopitzke of Trinity Congregation, Brillion, entered eternal life on August 15, 1977, following an illness of about a year. Her time of grace was 57 years, 3 months, and 20 days.

Mrs. Kopitzke was born Mildred Zutz on April 26, 1920, in the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Church, Collins, Wisconsin, she also spoke her marriage vows there on August 11, 1940. She served as a faithful spouse to her husband, assisting him in his ministry at St. John's, Maribel, St. Matthew's, Appleton, and Trinity, Brillion.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Conrad of Brillion and Paul of London, England; a daughter, Mrs. John (Suzanne) Manthe of Brillion; a brother and four grandchildren.

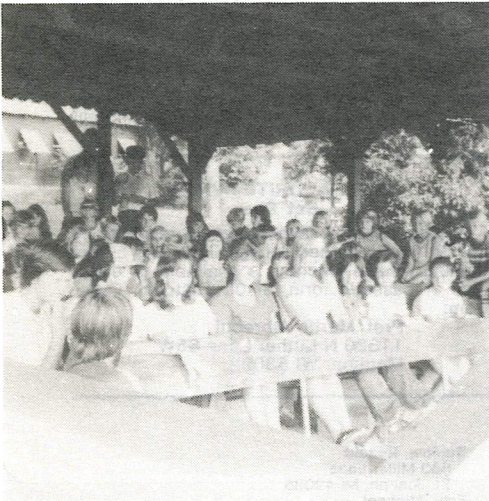
Funeral services were conducted at Trinity in Brillion on August 17. Pastor H. Kuschel applied the comfort of Psalm 73:24, taking as his theme, "With Our Hand in His."

South Atlantic

CYD Camp 1977

Sixty-two excited, enthusiastic children, a camp, and the Savior. These were the three main ingredients in the makeup of Christ's Young Disciples' (CYD's) Camp 1977. CYD's Camp is the preconfirmation youth camp of the South Atlantic District. It was held the second week in July just a few miles west of Orlando, Florida, amid northern Florida's rolling hills and endless orange groves. The site was a rented camp on a small, inviting lake.

The campers ranged in age from nine to 14. Some came from as far away as Columbia, South Carolina, Pompano Beach on Florida's east coast,



and Naples on Florida's west coast.

CYD's Camp had two very special priorities to meet: to help these young Christians grow closer to their Savior and to experience the joys of fellowship with like-minded Christians. The camp was carefully planned to meet these priorities. Each day began and ended with a devotion. The campers discovered that the same God of grace who is active today was active in the Old Testament when they studied the *Book of Judges*. The daily arts-and-crafts projects helped the campers focus on the Savior. The children swam together, played together, ate together, sang together. Housing was provided in two large dormitories — one for the girls, one for the boys.

Shepherding the 60-plus campers were nine adult counselors. The counselors were there, of course, to keep the

camp's program running smoothly and to keep "law and order" in a friendly way. But more important than that, the adult advisors were at camp to minister to the children's spiritual and emotional needs and to give these young disciples the opportunity to see and experience the love that knowing Jesus had put into their hearts and lives. As a result, it wasn't at all unusual to see campers and counselors walking and talking together, sharing the faith they had in common and how it applied to day-to-day living.

At week's end, Christ's Young Disciples' Camp 1977 met one final time to hear the Savior speak to them through His Word and to join their voices in singing His praise. Then with suitcases packed away in the trunk of the family car, the campers headed home knowing better how joyous and wonderful life is when it's lived for the Savior, and how warm and loving that Savior is.

James A. Aderman
CYD's Camp Director

Pastor Frederick K. Bergfeld 1908 - 1977

Pastor Frederick Karl Bergfeld was born on November 12, 1908, in Rib Falls, Wisconsin. He was the ninth and youngest of the children of Pastor and Mrs. Rudolph Bergfeld. After a brief period in Ludington, Michigan, he moved with his family to Slinger, Wisconsin. In 1922 he entered Northwestern Prep School as a ninth-grader. He graduated from Northwestern College in 1930 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1933.

On October 1, 1933, he was ordained at Hartford, Wisconsin, by Pastor Adolph von Rohr. In that same month he entered upon his work as parish pastor at Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Bruce Crossing, Michigan. He was to serve this congregation for the rest of his life, a period of almost 44 years. In November, 1948, he organized a mission in Phelps, Wisconsin, and served St. John's Congregation jointly with Bethany for nearly 30 years. From 1960-1963 he also served St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Stambaugh, Michigan. He served the church-at-large as circuit pastor of the Rhinelander Con-

Radio Ministry (continued)

question based on the sermon. The sermons do not follow the church year, with the exception of the major festivals.

The federation has its own sound studio, supplied by Mr. Frits Dinesen. This has enabled the federation to begin a rather extensive library of church music, at present numbering over 3,000 separate entries. It also makes it possible for the federation to supply broadcast tapes to any congregation or group which has air-time available. Mimeographed sermons are sent to all who request them, free of charge. Cassette tapes are also available.

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ference from 1955-1960 and chaired the District Missionaries Conference of the Northern Wisconsin District from 1948 until his death.

The Lord called our brother to Himself on August 30, 1977, while a patient in LaCroix Hospital in White Pine, Michigan. He had attained the age of 68 years, 9 months, and 19 days. He is survived by two sisters, Martha Bergfeld of Chicago and Mrs. Esther Page of Park Ridge, Illinois, by many friends, and by the members of his two congregations which he served so faithfully.

Funeral services were held at Bethany Church of Bruce Crossing on September 1. Pastor David Kock, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, was liturgist, and Pastor Eugene Kock of Minocqua delivered the sermon based on I Corinthians 15:1-10. Pastor Bergfeld's earthly remains were laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bruce Crossing, to await the second coming of our Lord Jesus.

This beloved bachelor pastor was well known and well liked by a goodly number of people in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. The words of the funeral sermon will continue to ring in the ears of those who knew him: "Keep in memory what I preached unto you."

What Is Truth?

(Continued)

of the various church denominations that believe in Him. It doesn't honor Him to squabble over where a wedding is to take place. Your son is a grown man with a right to marry whom and where he chooses. Don't spoil the start of his marriage by shunning his wedding."

There's some truth in that advice, but what if the shoe were on the other foot? What if it would be your Lutheran child or mine embracing the errors of Catholicism? Mrs. Griggs implies that both denominations are equally true. They're not. Teaching our children God's Word in all its truth and purity along with honest exposure of the false teachings in Catholicism and other religions is the best way for Lutheran Christian parents to avoid the heartache of seeing their offspring marry into error.

Reuel J. Schulz

A Tree Planted

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creasing number of graduates has gone on to the Synod's worker-training colleges. Over the past five years this figure has risen to 45 per cent. Those who have chosen to remain in their home communities are also a blessing to kingdom work. They are using their training to provide sorely needed lay leadership in their local congregations.

The names of two individuals are almost synonymous with Northwestern Lutheran Academy. Prof. R. A. Fenske served as president of the school from 1939-1966, a lengthy tenure of 27 years. For 43 consecutive years, beginning with the school's inception, Prof. K. G. Sievert served on the school faculty. Both of these servants of the Lord are currently living in retirement.

The "Fount of All Blessings" has been kind to Northwestern Lutheran Academy. We ask that you would join us in the prayer that He would continue to nurture this "tree planted by the rivers of water."

Daniel W. Malchow

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ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)
Ordained and Installed

Pastors:

Huehn, Burgess A., as pastor of Bethesda-Gethsemane Lutheran Apache Mission, Cibecue, Arizona, on August 28, 1977, by H. Hartzell (Ariz.-Calif.).
Pope, Nathan R., as assistant pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Citrus Heights, California, on August 28, 1977, by Reinhart Pope (Ariz.-Calif.).
Thompson, Glen L., commissioned as missionary for the Lutheran Church of Central Africa, at St. Mark's, Watertown, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1977, by A. Mennicke (WW).

Installed

Pastors:

Alliet, Paul W., as pastor of St. John's, Lake Benton, Minnesota, on August 28, 1977, by T. Henning (Minn.).
Deters, Terry A., as pastor of Trinity, Brillion, Wisconsin, on September 11, 1977, by H. Kuschel (NW).
Liesener, Thomas A., as pastor of First Lutheran, Green Bay, Wisconsin, on September 11, 1977, by Marcus Liesener (NW).
Pless, Robert P., as pastor of St. John's, Princeton, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1977, by W. Strohschein (NW).
Radtke, Marvin A., as District Missionary and staff assistant to the South Atlantic District Mission Board at Merritt Island, Florida, on August 28, 1977, by L. Zwiig (SA).
Smith, Dennis D., as instructor at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on August 28, 1977, by W. Koelpin (Mich.).
Wietzke, Wilfred A., as pastor of Christ Ev. Lutheran, Beatrice, Nebraska, on September 4, 1977, by J. Frank (Nebr.).

Teachers:

Bollinger, Rodney A., as teacher at St. Paul's, Norfolk, Nebraska, on August 28, 1977, by M. Weishahn (Nebr.).
Buege, Thomas, as instructor at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, on September 1, 1977, by J. Brandt (NW).
Esmann, Lloyd, as principal and teacher at Faith, Antioch, Illinois, on July 31, 1977, by K. Schroeder (SEW).
Falk, Michael, as teacher at St. Paul's, Moline, Illinois, on August 14, 1977, by J. Wille (WW).
Fink, Robert, as teacher at Redeemer, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on August 7, 1977, by M. Putz (NW).

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Gray, Gary D., as teacher at Gloria Dei, Sierra Madre, California, on September 4, 1977, by A. Schroeder (Ariz.-Calif.).
Gronholz, Jerry, as instructor at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, on September 1, 1977, by J. Brandt (NW).
Gurgel, Donald, as teacher at Mt. Olive, Appleton, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1977, by R. Pankow (NW).
Hanke, Michael A., as teacher at St. Paul's, Green Bay, Wisconsin, on August 21, 1977, by R. Christman (NW).
Hannemann, Gregory, as teacher at St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, on September 4, 1977, by A. Schultz (WW).
Hartwig, Paul, as teacher at Immanuel, Appleton, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1977, by R. Kaiser (NW).
Hosbach, Harold A., as instructor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, on August 30, 1977, by F. Zimmermann (Mich.).
Huntington, Monte L., as teacher at Faith, Antioch, Illinois, on July 31, 1977, by K. Schroeder (SEW).
Lanphear, Gerald, as teacher at Peter's, Schofield, Wisconsin, on September 11, 1977, by B. Stensberg (WW).
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Peterson, Nils O., as teacher at St. Paul's, Tomah, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1977, by K. Gaster (WW).
Pingel, Ivan R., as teacher at St. John's, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1977, by M. Scheele (NW).
Staab, John, as teacher at Christ Our Redeemer, Bend, Oregon, on August 21, 1977, by E. Kahrs (PNW).
Ummus, David L., as instructor at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, on September 1, 1977, by J. Brandt (NW).
Vasold, Terrance, as teacher at St. John's, Waterloo, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1977, by H. Esmann (WW).
Zimmermann, Walter R., as teacher at St. Paul's, Columbus, Ohio, on August 28, 1977, by K. Roehl (Mich.).

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Go Ye — Into Puerto Rico (FS-68-PRC)

Our Synod's Spanish mission efforts outside the continental United States was conducted in Puerto Rico. This was the first testing ground for the principles of the Christian Missioner Corps. Under these principles our missionaries work toward establishing a self-supporting, self-propagating church as soon as possible. This filmstrip shows the progress that has been made in achieving these goals.

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 25-27, 1977; opening Communion service at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas.

Preacher: D. Gray.

Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 2:1-15; O. Wraalstad; Where Shall Our Children Attend School?; P. Koelpin; Article VII, *Augsburg Confession*; W. Morris; Meaning and Use of *Kurios* in the New Testament; D. Valleskey; Pastoral Misfits; I. G. Frey.

Note: A Reformation Service will be held at 7:30 Wednesday evening, with Pastor M. Nitz as preacher. L. Lange, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 18-19, 1977; 10:00 a.m.

Place: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota; W. Allwardt, host pastor.

Preacher: D. Linn (D. Neyhardt, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy 3; T. Schmidt; The Role of Women in the Church; E. Habermann; Homiletical Study of Psalm 22; D. Shook; Historical Background of *The Formula of Concord*; L. Nast; The Conclusion to the Commandments; D. Neyhardt.

Note: Any requests for accommodations should be sent to host pastor.

D. Schmidt, Secretary

MICHIGAN

COLONIAL PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: October 17, 1977.

Place: Triune God Lutheran Church, Upper Saddle-river, New Jersey; D. Pagel, host pastor.

Preacher: C. Pagel (D. Priebe, alternate).

Agenda: Theme: Rethinking the Ministry and Mission of the Church. Papers: Does Your Church Constitution Work?; R. Hahm; What Is the Line of Spiritual Authority in the Church?; D. Clark; How Can We Better Carry Out the Mission of the Church?; C. Ochs, member of Atonement Lutheran, Baltimore, Maryland.

D. Scherbarth, Secretary

OHIO CONFERENCE

Date: October 17-18, 1977.

Place: St. Andrew Ev. Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio; T. Bartz, host pastor.

Preacher: F. Knuettel (P. Lehmann, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Galatians 3; T. Bartz; The Second Article; P. Lehmann; The Soul; E. Fredrich III. L. Prah, Secretary

MINNESOTA

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 18, 1977.

Place: Grace Lutheran Church, Nelson, Wisconsin.

Preacher: W. Vathauer (C. Zulieger, alternate).

Agenda: *Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns* (conclusion); L. Cross; Exegesis of Romans; D. Gosdeck; Exegesis of Zechariah 7; A. Frenz; Divorce — What is Adultery? What is Malicious Desertion?; M. Smith.

Note: Please excuse to host pastor or circuit pastor. W. A. Meier, Secretary

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: October 20-21, 1977.

Place: St. John's Lutheran School and Church, Goodhue, Minnesota.

Opening: Service at St. John's Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda: The Role of Women in the Church; Prof. D. Raddatz; Approaches for Teaching Reading; Dr. H. Schroeder; Sectionals; Recognizing Learning Disabilities; Reports; Business.

M. Lequia, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 8, 1977; Communion service, at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Christ Lutheran, North St. Paul, Minnesota; D. Ponath, host pastor.

Preacher: D. Tiarks (M. Schwartz, alternate).

Agenda: To What Extent May Women Serve in Our Congregations?; D. Meier; Exegesis of James 5:13-16; M. Schwartz; Our Role in Counseling Depressed or Emotionally Disturbed People; W. Wiedenmeyer.

Keith Schroeder, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 8, 1977; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Peace Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Preacher: K. Bender (P. Berg, 1st alternate; W. F. Dorn, 2nd alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Ezekiel 38; R. Bushaw; 20th-Century Reformed Thinking Analyzed and Evaluated, Part Two: Current Reformed Thinking about Revelation, by Prof. E. Fredrich; P. Berg, discussion leader; What Makes a Valid Baptism?; L. Lucht; The Question of Slavery in the Light of Scripture; G. Sommer (alternate).

G. Sommer, Secretary

NEBRASKA

COLORADO MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE

Date: November 8-9, 1977.

Place: Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church, 95th & Switzer, Overland Park, Kansas; P. S. Soukup, host pastor.

Preacher: Prof. R. Balge (7:30 p.m. Communion service on November 8).

Agenda: Preaching Repentance and Remission of Sins—With Application to Personal Witnessing; R. Balge; *The Shepherd Under Christ*, Chapter 9, "The Shepherd Reaches out to the Unchurched"; panel discussion; Principles and Policies of our Home Mission Division; D. Gieschen; Conference business; Reports.

Note: Announcements and excuses are to be made to the host pastor.

P. Zarlino, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 24-25, 1977; 10:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Trinity, Neenah, Wisconsin; host pastors, G. Schaefer and D. Engelbrecht.

Preacher: T. Baganz.

Agenda: The History and the Import of the Fifth Chief Part; Prof. D. Kuske; Reports by District Boards and Committees.

Note: Each pastor will arrange for his own lodging; kindly send excuses to the host pastors. D. Worguil, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The 1977 Fall Conference of the Sunday School Teachers' Institute of Milwaukee will be held on Sunday, November 13, 1977, at Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church, 213 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Pastor William Fischer of the Board for Parish Education will speak on the revision of the present Sunday-school course. Any suggestions will be most welcome.

All WELS Sunday-school teachers and pastors of the area are invited to attend this conference. Greg Bork, President

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 18, 1977; 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. James, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin; L. Fritz, host pastor.

Agenda: Exegesis of I Corinthians 7:18-40; E. Lindemann; Questions about Marriage and Divorce; Prof. A. Schuetze.

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EXPLORATORY

FT. MYERS/FLORIDA AREA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Ft. Myers, Florida, at the Villas Civic Association, 2306 Sunrise Blvd., every Sunday morning at 8:15. Sunday school and Bible class follow. The area served includes Ft. Myers Beach, Sanibel Island, Lehigh Acres, Bonita, as well as all of south Ft. Myers and Cape Coral. For information contact Pastor Robert Wendland, 266 Evergreen Road, North Ft. Myers, Florida 33903, phone 813/995-0988.

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Exploratory services are being conducted in Lawrenceville, Georgia, which is in the Greater Atlanta area. Sunday services are conducted at 10:30 a.m. at the Kinder Care Center, Langley Drive off Hwy. 29, Lawrenceville. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 9:15 a.m. For further information please contact Pastor Larry Zahn at 3157 A Ferrite Loop, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30245; phone 404/962-1894.

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TIME AND PLACE

POCATELLO, IDAHO

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IMLAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Imlay City, Michigan, meeting at the Imlay City Christian School, 7197 Imlay City Road, conducts its Sunday services at 8:45 a.m. and Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Prospects should be referred to Pastor Thomas L. Wilsman, 4837 Westwood Drive, Port Huron, Michigan 48060; phone: 313/982-7632.

PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

Holy Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Port Huron, Michigan, meeting at the Wagenseil Community Center, 2300 Totem Trail, conducts its Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prospects should be referred to Pastor Thomas L. Wilsman, 4837 Westwood Drive, Port Huron, Michigan 48060; phone: 313/982-7632.

ROCHESTER/STEWARTVILLE MINNESOTA

Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church is conducting its worship service at the Holiday Inn South, 1630 S. Broadway (Highway 63), Rochester, Minnesota, in the Gustavus Room at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Please send referrals and information to Pastor Alvin R. Kienetz, 417 5th St. N.E., Stewartville, Minnesota 55976; phone 507/533-9297.

VANCOUVER, B. C., AREA

If you know of people interested in WELS church services in the Vancouver, B. C., Canada area, please send their names, telephone numbers, and addresses to: Pastor Steven Korth, 912 Berkley Rd., No. 211, North Vancouver, B. C., Canada, V7H1Y2.

Our mission at Vancouver is conducting services in the Pickwick Room of the Coach House Motor Inn. Sunday school and adult Bible classes meet at 10:00 a.m. The church service begins at 11:00 a.m.

MISSION FAIR

A Mission Fair will be held at Gloria Dei-Bethesda Ev. Lutheran Church, 9420 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 11-13, 1977. Special services are scheduled for November 13 at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m., emphasizing missions at home and abroad. Come and share with us the great commission, "Go Ye Into All The World."

THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet on October 21, 1977, in the Synod Administration Building, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. The first session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Oscar J. Naumann, Chairman

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

October 24-25, 1977.

Business to be acted on is to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board with copies to be furnished the Chairman of the Board no later than ten days prior to the meeting date.

Norval W. Kock, Secretary
Board of Trustees

OFFER OF ROBES

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Savanna, Illinois, offers the following to any mission congregation: 21 choir robes (maroon) and collars; 12 children's surplices (white). Please contact Pastor Wayne Schneider, 217 Adams St., Savanna, Illinois 61074; phone: 815/273-4217.

ALTAR

Available to any mission congregation for the cost of transportation: a knotty-pine altar with light finish. Size 79" x 31"; height 40" in front with 6" shelf in back; large storage space underneath. Write or phone:

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 E. Monroe
Bangor, Michigan 49013
Phone: 616/427-7102

CHURCH DOORS

A pair of decorative doors is being offered by St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 7531 English Lake Road, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to any church, at no charge. Please contact the Rev. K. Haberkorn, 7525 English Lake Road, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220; phone: 414/758-2201.